

REMARKS

The present response is intended to be fully responsive to all points of objection and/or rejection raised by the Examiner and is believed to place the application in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and allowance of the application is respectfully requested.

Status of Claims

Claims 1-38 are pending in the application. Claims 1-4, 6, 9, 11-13, 15, 18, 20-27, 29-32 and 34-38 have been amended. Applicants respectfully assert that the amendments to the claims add no new matter.

The In-Person Interview

Initially, Applicants wish to thank Examiners Charles E. Parsons and Chris Kelly, for granting and attending an in-person interview, with Applicants' Representatives Caleb Pollack, Reg. No. 37,912, and Rachel Bentov, a representative of the assignee, on November 9, 2004.

In the Interview, Applicants' representatives discussed with Examiners Parsons and Kelly amendments to the claims that would make the claims allowable over the prior art of record and that would make the claims comply with Section 112. These changes are reflected in the amendments to the claims above.

Representatives of Applicants discussed further amendments to the claims that would be made to further clarify what Applicants regard as their invention but that would not be made for reasons of patentability. After discussing the rejections and these amendments, the Examiners agreed that the claims including the proposed amendments would be allowable over the prior art of record. Applicants' representatives agreed to submit the amendments in an Amendment.

CLAIM REJECTIONS

35 U.S.C. § 112 Rejections

The Examiner rejected claims 2, 3, 6, 12, 13, 15, 21, 25, 26, 30, 31, 35, 36 and 37 under 35 USC § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which the Applicants regard as their invention.

Applicants have amended claims 2, 3, 6, 12, 13, 15, 21, 25, 26, 30, 31, 35 and 37 to clarify what the Applicants regard as the invention.

Applicants respectfully submit that amended claims 2, 3, 6, 12, 13, 15, 21, 25, 26, 30, 31, 35 and 37 meet the requirements of 35 USC §112, second paragraph. Applicants respectfully request that the rejection of claims 2, 3, 6, 12, 13, 15, 21, 25, 26, 30, 31, 35 and 37 under 35 USC §112, second paragraph, be withdrawn.

Applicants carefully reviewed claim 36 and could not find the terms "certain" and "can be". Applicants respectfully submit that claim 36 meets the requirements of 35 USC § 112, second paragraph. Applicants respectfully request that the rejection of claim 36 under 35 USC § 112, second paragraph, be withdrawn.

35 U.S.C. § 102 Rejections

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1-5, 9-14 and 18-38 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e), as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,240,312 to Alfano ("Alfano"). Applicants respectfully traverse this rejections of claims 1-5, 9-14 and 18-38 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e), as being anticipated by Alfano in view of the remarks that follow.

During the in-person interview, Applicants' representatives and the Examiners agreed on amendments that would overcome the prior art rejections of record.

In order for a reference to anticipate a claim under 35 U.S.C. §102(e), the reference must teach every element of the claim being rejected. Applicants assert that Alfano does not teach every element of Applicants' independent claims 1, 11, 20-24, 29 and 34-38 as amended, for at least the reason that Alfano does not disclose alteration of the direction or speed of a display according to a signal from a wheel, joystick, or other user device, as variously required by Applicants' independent claims 1, 11, 20-24, 29 and 34-38, as

amended. Applicants therefore assert that independent claims 1, 11, 20-24, 29 and 34-38 as amended are not anticipated by Alfano.

As discussed, Applicants' independent claims 1, 11, 20-24, 29 and 34-38 as amended are allowable. Each of dependent claims 2-5, 9-10, 12-14, 18-19, 25-28 and 30-33 depend directly or indirectly from one of independent claims 1, 11, 20-24, 29 and 34-38, and therefore include all of the elements of these claims. Thus dependent claims 2-5, 9-10, 12-14, 18-19, 25-28 and 30-33 are likewise allowable. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw his rejection of claims 1-5, 9-14 and 18-38 as being anticipated under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) by Alfano.

35 U.S.C. § 103 Rejections

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 7, 8, 16 and 17 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Alfano.

Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection of claims 7, 8, 16 and 17 as being unpatentable over Alfano.

As discussed, claims 1, 11, 20-24, 29 and 34-38, as amended, are allowable. Since each of dependent claims 7, 8, 16 and 17 depend directly or indirectly from one of claims 1 or 11, as amended, and include all of the elements of claims 1 or 11, Applicants assert that dependent claims 7, 8, 16 and 17 are likewise allowable.

Applicants respectfully request that the rejections of dependent claims 7, 8, 16 and 17 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Alfano be withdrawn.

Conclusion

In view of at least the foregoing amendments and remarks, the pending claims are deemed to be allowable. Their favorable consideration and allowance is respectfully requested.

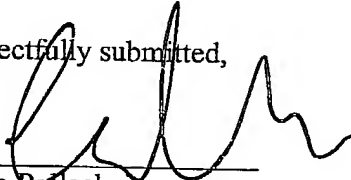
Should the Examiner have any question or comment as to the form, content or entry of this Amendment, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number below. Similarly, if there are any further issues yet to be resolved to advance the

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prosecution of this application to issue, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned counsel.

The fee for a three-month extension of time has been paid separately. No fees are believed to be due in connection with this paper. However, if any such fees are due, please charge any such fees to deposit account No. 05-0649.

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